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SUBJ: CHAMBER OF MINES PRESIDENT DISCUSSES MINE LABOR SHORTAGE

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REF: JOHANNESBURG 1244

1. CHAMBER OF MINES PRESIDENT A.W.S. SCHUMANN ANNOUNCED IN JOHANNESBURG NOVEMBER 28 THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S GOLD MINES WERE CURRENTLY OPERATING WITH ONLY 78PERCENT OF INDUSTRY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR BLACK LABOR & THAT THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS WAS ADVERSELY AFFECTING OVERALL PRODUCTION. NOTING THAT TOTAL UNDERGROUND LABOR FORCE TODAY WAS ABOUT 274,000 COMPARED WITH 322,000 A YEAR AGO, SCHUMANN SAID THIS MENT REQUIREMENTS FELL SHORT BY ABOUT 75,000. HE ATTRIBUTED DECLINE IN NUMBERS MAINLY TO MALAWIAN BAN ON RECRUITING BUT OBSERVED OPTIMISTICALLY THAT "THE FLOW OF WORKERS FROM TRADITIONAL AREAS OTHER THAN MALAWI CONTINUES TO BE NORMAL OR IMPROVED

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